backward and economically weaker sections;

(b) if so, when such a drive was launched; and

(c) the extent to which the backlog is cleared and whether any timebound programme has been formulated to fill up the reserved vacacncies in various categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). A Special Recruitment Drive for filling up of backlog of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on 31.3.91 in Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government has been launched in October, 1991. A similar drive has also been undertaken by the Central Public Sector Undertakings The target date for filling up the vacancies identified under the drive is 31st March, 1992. The entire issue of reservation for socially and educationally backward classes and other economically backward sections of people is subjudice in the Supreme Court. Hence, the question of undertaking a special drive to fill up backlog of reserved vacancies for socially and educationally backward classes and other economically backward sections of people, does not arise at this stage.

(c). According to reports received uptil now, the backlog of reservations for SC/ST identified in Ministries/Departments is 11056. As against this, appointment offers have been issued in respect of 3348 vacancies.

[*Translation*]

Voluntary Organisations receiving grants from CAPART

1204. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the voluntary organisations, state-wise to whom grants are being provided by CAPART in order to encourage their welfare activities;

(b) the amount granted to each of them during the last three years and in the current year, year-wise;

(c) the particulars of the orgasnistions which are not presenting their accounts and annual reports regularly; and

(d) the extent to which these organisations have achieved their objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). CAPART has provided assistance to voluntary organisations during the last three years and in the current year as per details given below:

Year	*No. of vol. Organisations*	*Amount sanctioned (Rs. in Crores)*
1988-89	1257	28.26
1989-90	1154	20.84
1990-91	1157	17.34
1991-92 (upto Jan, '92)	1877	28.50

(c) Organisations which have not presented their accounts and annual reports regularly are 132.

(d) By and large the voluntary organisations are successful in achieving their objectives.

[*English*]

Subsidy to Imported wheat through Public Distribution System

1205. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of wheat, rice and sugar in the country at present;

(b) whether there is a proposal to give subsidy to imported wheat to be distributed through Public Distribution System; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSOUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHAMED): (a) The estimated per capita net availability per annum of cereals and sugar are as under:

Cerals (1991)	- 171.6 kg
Sugar'(1990-91)	- 12.5 kg

(b) and (c). Imported wheat as well as wheat procured indigenously are issued at the same Central Issue Price by FCI (ex-FCI godowns) to State Governments and Union Territories Administrations for the Public Distribution System. The current Centrai Issue Price of Rs. 280/-per quintal of wheat is below the economic cost incurred by FCI and does involve subsidy on the part of the Central Government.

Unemployment Allowance

1206 SHRI K.H. MUNIYYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where unemployment allowance is being paid;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to provide unemployment allowance at all India level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) According to available information the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal have been paying unemployment allowance for a limited period to certain specified categories of job-seekers in their respective States from their own resources.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Gas-Based Petrochemicals Projects

1207. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some gas-based pertrochemical projects during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the locations thereof;